

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Robert Webster on 12/10/2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims

Claim 1, line 2, 'the floor' has been replaced with --a floor--;

Line 10, 'motor' should be replaced with --drive--.

Claims 3, 6-7, 9 and 13, line 2, 'the floor' has been replaced with --a floor--;

Claim 13, line 8, 'the motor' has been replaced with --a motor--;

Line 9, 'the driving' has been replaced with --a driving--.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant argues the Final Rejection of 4/20/2007 was improper. The Final Rejection was proper. Claim 1 was amended to change the 'agitator' to 'agitator roll'. The agitator being a roll was not previously set forth in any of the claims, therefore a final rejection was proper. Claim 5 was dependent from claim 1, which was proper finally rejected, therefore claims dependent therefrom are also finally rejected.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Theresa T. Snider whose telephone number is (571) 272-1277. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (5:30am-2:00pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Hail can be reached on (571) 272-4485. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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